

The following public information provided by the State of Arkansas and listed here to assist citizens in planning their event. Please seek information directly from the State of Arkansas for Official copies.

Arkansas Code 5-71-212. Public intoxication — Drinking in public.

(c) A person commits the offense of drinking in public if the person, other than in a place of business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, consumes any alcoholic beverage:

(1) In any public place;

(2) On any highway or street;

(3) Upon any passenger coach, streetcar, or in or upon any vehicle commonly used for the transportation of passengers; or

(4) In or about any depot, platform, waiting station or room, or other public place.

(d) Drinking in public is a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) This section does not prohibit or restrict the consumption of an alcoholic beverage when consumed:

(1) As a part of a recognized religious ceremony or ritual; or

(2) Within the physical boundaries of a designated entertainment district as defined in § 14-54-1412.

The City of Blytheville does not have a designated entertainment district.

Alcoholic Beverage Control 2022 Rules. Please click on the link below for official information. <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/alcoholic-beverage-control>

Section 1.22.1 Temporary Beer Permit. Temporary beer permits for the sale of beer at functions sponsored by or for the benefit of non-profit or charitable organizations may be issued for a period of time not to exceed five (5) consecutive days. Applications for such permit shall meet the requirements as established by the Director and set out in the application and attachments thereto. The fee for such permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The Director shall determine whether an application meets the established requirements and whether the function for which the permit is applied is non-profit or charitable in nature and purpose. Those requirements shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The location of the event must be in an area which has voted for the sale of intoxicating liquors; and

(2) The application must be received by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. (Amended 8-15-07)

Any action by the Director in granting or denying such application is appealable to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board pursuant to Section 1.51 of these Rules, provided that any such action on the part of the Director shall be effective immediately without the requirement of such action being ratified by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at the next Board meeting.

(Adopted 8-19-93)

Section 1.22.2 Temporary Wine Permit. Temporary wine permits for the sale of wine and light wine by single servings for on premises consumption at functions sponsored by or for the benefit of non-profit or charitable organizations may be issued for a period of time not to exceed five (5) consecutive days. Applications for such permit shall meet the requirements as established by the Director and set out in the application and attachments thereto. The fee for such permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The Director shall determine whether or not an application meets the established requirements and whether or not the function for which the permit is applied is non-profit or charitable in nature and purpose. Those requirements shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The location of the event must be in an area which has voted for the sale of intoxicating liquors;

(2) **Food Service Requirement. Repealed 8-20-97**

(3) The application must be received by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. (Amended 8-15-07)

Any action by the Director in granting or denying such application is appealable to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board pursuant to Section 1.51 of these Rules, provided that any such action on the part of the Director shall be effective immediately without the requirement of such action being ratified by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at the next Board meeting. (Amended 8-19-93)

Section 1.22.3 Temporary Spirits Permit. Temporary permits for the sale of spirituous alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by or for the benefit of non-profit or charitable organizations may be issued for a period of time not to exceed five (5) consecutive days. Such permits allow the sale of any such alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold pursuant to applicable local option election that otherwise meet the criteria set forth herein. Applications for such permit shall meet the requirements as established by the Director and set out in the application and attachments thereto. The fee for such permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The Director shall determine whether an application meets the established requirements and whether the function for which the permit is applied is non-profit or charitable in nature and purpose. Those requirements shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The location of the event must be in an area which has voted for on premises consumption of spirituous beverages; and

(2) The application must be received by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division at least three (3) weeks prior to the event. (Amended 8-15-07)

Any action by the Director in granting or denying such application is appealable to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board pursuant to Section 1.51 of these Rules, provided that any such action on the part of the Director shall be effective immediately without the requirement of such action being ratified by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at the next Board meeting.